THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The estimated cost of Narmada Sagar Project is Rs. 1392 crores and that of Sardar Sarovar Project Rs. 4240 crores. These projects have been approved by the Technical Advisory Committee. Revised Estimates for these projects have not been received

(b) Excessive ground water withdrawals is among the causes of sea-water intrusion in some coastal areas of Saurashtra.

(c) Measures like construction of check dams, percolation tanks, tidal regulators, artificial recharge of ground water and legislative measures for regulating ground water withdrawals have been taken.

Ban on export of turmeric

2412. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ban export of turmeric;

(b) whether it is a fact that the proposed ban on export of turmeric has created a glut in the market and the price has fallen to Rs. 850 a quintal; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to protect the interests of farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (c) There is no proposal to ban export of turmeric at present.

Applications received in Tamil Nadu for LIC loans under own your house scheme

2413. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applications received for LIC loans under Own Your House Scheme in Tamil Nadu during 1985-86 and 1986-87;

(b) what is the number of applications received in Madurai Division and how many were cleared; and

(c) whether Government are aware that some of the genuine applications were rejected in Madurai Division by the Divisional Manager deliberately without any verification; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a)

Year	Applications Received
1985-86	228
1986-87	390

(b)	Received	Cleared
1985-86	151	111
1986-87	76 (including back-log)	78

(c) No genuine applications are reported to have been rejected without verification. All the applications are reported to have been considered on merits.

Howrah TB Hospital

2414. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the request of Howrah T.B. Hospital, Andul Road, Howrah, for enhancement of reservation charges for beds reserved for treatment of ESI ensured persons has been considered by Government;

(b) whether the Ministry had deputed an officer to study the facilities provided in the said Hospital; and